Level One and Two Students:

- Read one grade-level, school appropriate book that is not a core text (listed at the bottom of this page).

- This book must not be a book that you have previously read.

- For book suggestions, try http://www.ala.org/or High School Reading Olympic List or ask an English teacher or librarian if you have questions about a specific text.

- As you read, annotate the text (use Post it notes) observing such literary elements as characterization, setting, tone, and theme. These notes will be useful for your assignment.

- You will receive an assignment based on your reading when you return to school in the fall.

Honors students:

- After reading one grade-level, school appropriate book that is not a core text (listed at the bottom of this page), also read:

  **Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck

  *Summary:* John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* is a parable about what it means to be human. Steinbeck's story of George and Lennie's ambition of owning their own ranch, and the obstacles that stand in the way of that ambition, reveal the nature of dreams, dignity, loneliness, and sacrifice. (Summary taken from eNotes.com)

Please annotate the text with Post-its as you go, noting anything that you think is worth discussing in class. You will receive the assignment for the work when you return to school in the fall.

11th grade core novels:

- *The Great Gatsby*
- *The Crucible*
- *Fallen Angels*
- *Slaughterhouse Five*
- *Red Badge of Courage*
- *Killer Angels*